

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2015, 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
455 E. CALAVERAS BLVD, MILPITAS CA 95035**

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**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2015 MEETING**

**V. PUBLIC FORUM**

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Members of the audience are invited to address the Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must state their name and address for the Secretary's record, and limit their remarks to under three minutes. As an item not on the agenda, no response is required of City staff or the Commission; however, the Commission may place the item on the agenda for a future meeting.

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**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

**VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. PLANNING FOR FUTURE SOLID WASTE AND DIVERSION SERVICES**
- 2. RSRAC WORK PLAN & COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- 2. PLASTIC BAG LEGISLATION UPDATE**

**XI. STATUS OF DIVERSION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

**XII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**XIII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PLANNING FOR FUTURE SOLID WASTE AND DIVERSION SERVICES**

**BACKGROUND:** HF&H, LLC are consultants engaged by the City to assist in managing a competitive process to select the next contractor(s). Representatives of HF&H will make a 20 minute presentation covering goals and options for future contracting for solid waste, recyclables and organics collection, processing and disposal services. In particular, the presentation will focus on the key steps and schedule for the competitive process, and current and potential future optional collection services. Commission members will be invited to ask questions, and to engage in discussion of the issues with City staff and the City's consultants. The Commission's input will help inform a similar presentation HF&H staff will make at a subsequent Council study session.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive presentation.

**2. RSRAC WORKPLAN & COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

**BACKGROUND:** The City Manager has requested a presentation from each commission by the commission's chair at a Council meeting this year. RSRAC's presentation is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. This item is an informational update that the commission's next meeting in July will be dedicated to creating a work plan for Fiscal Year 2015 (covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) which will be presented at the September 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Note receipt and file.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**BACKGROUND:** The existing RSRAC bylaws state that a Chair and Vice Chair are to be selected annually at the first meeting of the year for a term of one year. The Chair is responsible for calling to order and presiding over all sessions. The Vice Chair assumes the Chair's duties in his/her absence. Alternates may not be nominated for either position as there is the ongoing possibility they may not be seated at every meeting depending upon member attendance.

At the January 2015 meeting, the Chair was selected however, it was determined that the Vice Chair would be elected at the April meeting when more candidates would be available.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conduct an election for the Vice Chair position.

**2. PLASTIC BAG LEGISLATION UPDATE**

**BACKGROUND:** The nation's first state-wide ban on plastic bags has been pushed back more than a year after opponents secured enough signatures to put it to a public vote. On March 31, 2015, the California secretary of state announced that opponents had secured enough signatures to put the ban to a referendum in November 2016, meaning the ban is effectively on hold until then. The plastic bag industry has spent \$3.2 million campaigning against the ban, according to

Mark Murray of the advocacy group Californians Against Waste. Lee Califf, director of the pro-plastic bag group The American Progressive Bag Alliance, a group that represents the plastics bag industry, stated, "California voters will now have the chance to vote down a terrible law." The group has argued that the ban would kill manufacturing jobs and is a gift to big grocers, which would be able to charge customers a few cents for paper bags under the law. According to the plastic bag industry group, more than 800,000 signatures were submitted and the county registrars office verified that more than 500,000 were valid. However, supporters of the ban have asked California's attorney general to investigate how the signatures were obtained. They allege that signature gatherers misled voters by characterizing the ban as a tax or suggesting that signing the petition would advance the ban, not repeal it. Murray said polls suggest that California voters support the ban, and that many cities in the state have already started phasing out plastic bags. In related news, the City of Sacramento unanimously passed a ban on single-use plastic and paper bags on March 31, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Note receipt and file.

## **XI. STATUS OF DIVERSION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Highlights of January – April 2015 program activities:

- a. Single Family Recycling & Waste Reduction: Submit articles for the Summer 2015 Recreation Activity Guide; *Milpitas Post* print advertising in January "Reuse in 2015"; *Welcome Guide* outside back page advertisement; *Milpitas Post* 2015 Calendar placement for "Think Blue & Green in 2015" advertisement; *Milpitas Post Online* advertising schedule and art files; update website and Reuse Line messages and website information as needed.
- b. Multi-family Recycling & Waste Reduction: Review 2014 outreach and draft 2015 Action Plan with comments; review AB341 tracking; Reusable Bag purchase order, messages with translations and design .
- c. Commercial Recycling & Waste Reduction: Review 2014 outreach and draft 2015 Action Plan with comments; review AB341 tracking. In-House Source Reduction: Send citywide employee email about print settings for double-sided copying; offer water bottle.
- d. Customer Service: Attended March 11 Republic Customer Service meeting to discuss service concerns and continuous improvement.
- e. Street Sweeping: Reviewed Republic's placement of the quarterly full-page advertisement for placement in the *Milpitas Post* on February 13.
- f. Mini-grants for MUSD Teachers: Reviewed Republic's procedures to mail application to teachers by Feb. 7 with submissions due date by Feb. 28. Letters with checks for teachers and cc: to principals went out by March 21. Five teachers received awards for a total of \$3,500 awarded by Republic Services.
- g. Began preparation of the following events: Neighborhood Clean-ups April 11; Agathan Council Water Conservation Event, April 11, at the Senior Center; Compost Giveaway, April 18; Pesticides Alternatives Info Table, April 19 at OSH; SanDisk Earth Day Fair, April 22; 2nd Chance Giveaway, May 2; National River Cleanup Day, May 16; International BBQ, May 30-31.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Note receipt and file.

**XII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**XIII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Commission is July 28, 2015 at 6 pm.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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